Mary Garden in "Thais" at the Coyle Theatre Wednesday. Children 10c, Adults 15c.

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WHEAT FLOUR AND SUBSTITUTES NOW PLACED ON 50-50 BASIS

New Ruling Now in Force in This State, and Must Be Obeyed

ASKS PATRIOTIC ACCEPTANCE

Food dealers are up against a somewhat perplexing problem at the present time, owing to the new demands made upon them by the Federal Food Administration.

On the 28th of January, Howard Heinz, Food Administrator for Pennsylvania, ruled that food dealers must sell wheat flour and substitutes in the proportion of six to one—that is, six pounds of flour and one pound of substitutes.

On Saturday the President of the United States by proclamation called upon the American people to further aid in the conservation of the wheat supply and other food staples, to such an extent as will enable the continued support of our armies and civilian population of those countries with whom we are associated in the present war.

Pursuant to this proclamation the United States Food Administration has issued instructions limiting the sale of wheat flour by the trade to the ratio of one pound of each substitute to each pound of flour purchased, the rule to be strictly observed by all wholesale and retail dealers in food stuffs unless modified by such specific written authority as might be granted in exceptional cases by State Administrators.

Because of general shortage of wheat substitutes and difficulties and delays incident to transportation the proposed rate was temporarily modified in this state However, the authorities at Washington believe that ample time has been offered the trade to replenish their stocks and from this date on the new order will be in full force and effect.

Cereals to be recognized as wheat substitutes are corn meal, cornstarch, corn flour, hominy, corn grits, barley flour, rice, rice flour, oatmeal, rolled oats, buckwheat flour, potato flour, sweet potato flour, soya bean flour, feterita flours and meals, and no others, except that rye may be used until March 3rd

This means that hereafter until such time as the order shall be revoked, every sale of white flour must carry an equivalent in some of the substitutes enumerated above. All County Food Administrators are charged the duty of seeing that these regulations are strictly observed by the trade and are directed to promptly report violations to the State Administrator.

The State Food Administrator says this is a necessary war measure, and appeals to the public for patriotic acceptance of the conditions imposed, even though inconvenienced in the purchase of any flour by fact of temporary trade shortage of substitute materials.

FOURTH DISTRICT MEN ARE BEING EXAMINED

Joe T. S. Cowen, of Roscoe, and W. E. Dickson, of California, were in Charleroi this morning on their way to Ellsworth to sit with the registration and Draft Board of the Fourth District. They have summoned 60 men for each examination day, and 41 reported on Saturday last. Sixty additional are directed to report today and a like number on Wednesday and Saturday of this week. They expect to have their examination completed and quota ready for camp by the 15th of the month.

STREET BATTLE IN MONESSEN

Shooting Affray Results in the Death of Three Men

POSSIBLE RESULT OF FEUD

In a street battle which took place on Donner avenue in Monessen last Saturday night about 11 o'clock, Tony Longo, a well known Italian of that town, together with two other Italians, both strangers, were shot to death.

What started the shooting is not known, but it is supposed to have been the outcome of a fued or the the refusal on the part of Longo to meet some of the demands of the strangers. Longo, whose real name is Antonio Scardazzone, was reputed to be quite wealthy, having it is said invested $15 000 in Italian government securities, as well as having other property. The two men whom he shot and killed are said to have reached Monessen on Saturady and presumably went to the Longo restaurant at 320 Donnor avenue. Just what transpired has not become known, but the affair culminated Saturday night at 11 o'clock, with the shooting, in which Longo was fatally wounded, while the two strangers were instantly killed by bullets from Longo's pistol.

After the shooting Longo staggered along the street for about a square when he was met by "Babe" O'Rourke and "Bud" Frew, who took him to the Duquesne Hotel, where it was seen that his condition was dangerous and he was immediately put into an ambulance and started for the Memorial hospital at Monongahela. While passing through Donora the man died and his body was taken to the Check morgue in that town. The bodies of the other two men were taken to Wright's morgue in Monessen, where they are awaiting identification.

Longo had the reputation of being a "bad" man. He was under indictment for highway robbery, and would have been tried in the Westmoreland county courts on the 6th of February. It is said that he was directly interested in a number of houses of questionable repute in various towns in the valley, from which he received large sums of money. His restaurant was regarded more as a rendezvous, it is said.

It is likely, however, that the Westmoreland county Coroner will hold an inquest to inquire into the causes leading up to the shoting

Soldiers' Insurance Is An Important Feature

The War Risk Law makes provision for family allowances and the allotment of soldiers' pay to be paid to their wives, for compensation to be paid to the widows and families for the death or disability of soldiers and for additional protection in the form of insurance. Application may be made by an officer or man in the active service to the Bureau of War Risk Insurance for insurance in amount from $1.000.00 to $10,000.00 and the rate is very low as compared with ordinary insurance. As the time limit for most men now in service for making application will expire 120 days from October 6th, 1917, the Bureau has made a new ruling that it will accept telegraphic or cable authorization of representative to make application for insurance

This is important, for it permits a wife for instance, to communicate with her husband and have him authorize her by telegraph to apply for insurance upon his life. The authorization must be given, however, not later than February 12th The soldier can make payment of the premium monthly out of his pay and, if living after the war, may convert his insurance into one of the ordinary forms without medical examinations

In some instances the law compels the soldier to allot a portion of his pay to his dependents. For obtaining a family allowance paid by the United States written application shall be made to the Bureau of War Risk Insurance. The Civilian Relief Committee of the American Red Cross, of which Guy Moffitt, Esq., is local chairman, is assisting dependents in this respect.

MANY RECEIVED BY M. E. CHURCH

The month of revival meetings held in the Methodist church closed on Sunday, At the morning service Rev. Hartung spoke on "Essentials for Christian Life," administered baptism and then received 34 new members into the church, some coming by letter and others on confession of faith, this moging a total of 60 received since the firstof October. In thereception the pastor was assisted by the official board. At the evening service Rev.Hartung preached on the "TheLast Chance." Both services werewell atended. Mrs. Bosson and Mrs. Wright rendered special musicin the morning andMr. Snyder andMiss Carrie Knoch in the evening.

Violet Fram

Violet aged seven years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nimon Fram, of North Charleroi, died suddenly on Saturday, February 2nd. Funeral this afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. RobertFram, Second street and Fallowfield avenue, in charge of Rev. Burson. interment in Monongahela cemetery.

The Musical Auxiliary to the Athene Club will be entertained at the home of Miss Leila Orange on Third street this evening.

Misses Emma Clutter and Bethel Bowman were in Pitsburg Saturday to witness the production of "The Rambler Rose," at the Nixon theatre.

KILLED WHILE SLED RIDING

Further details of the death of little Violet. Fram, which occurred Saturday afternoon last at 1:30 o'clock, in North Charleroi, were learned this morning. The little girl was out sliding at the time, having been away from home about ten minutes before the accident happened. She was making a run down a street near her homewhich led into McKean avenue, when her sled plunged directly in front of an approaching West Side street car. The child appeared so suddenly on the track that the motorman could not stop the car in time and she was run down had mortally hurt, her skull being fractured and one leg broken. When taken from under the car the child was dead. The remains were taken to the Frye morgue Fallowfield avenue, and prepared for burial. It is possible that an inquest will be held later in the week.

Hugh V Rowe

Sunday, February 3, at 4:15 p. m., Hugh V. Rowe died at his home, 1005 McKean avenue, aged 49 years. Funeral services Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock in St.Jerome's church, with interment in Calvary cemetery.

WILL PREACH SPECIAL SERMONS

On Sunday morning Rev. Hartung, pastor of the Methodist church, announced that he would preach a series of four sermons on the war, the special subject for each date being as follows: Sunday night, February 10. "The New Cross." February 17. "The New Flag." February 24, "The New Spirit," and March 3, "The New Soldier." There will be a half hour song service before the sermon, with special church decorations and special music appropriated for each night

COLD WEATHER AGAIN CLOSES THE RIVER TO NAVIGATION

Ice Is Even More Formidable Than at Any Time During Winter

GORGES AGAIN DANGEROUS

The ice embargo on the Monongahela river has not yet been lifted. After working for three days last week in a valiant effort to free the river of ice the steamboat men saw their ecorts practically nullfied on Sunday and Sunday night by another cold spell. Towboats went down the river Saturday afternoon with tows of coal, but the locking was very slow, due to the accumulation of ice in and about the lock gates. The Aliquippa and Sailor, which arrived at Lock Four about one o'clock Saturday afternoon, did not clear until about 4 o'clock, due to the heavy accumulation of ice which made it practically imposible to handle the barges. The steamer Vesta, which went down Friday morning, was held up in the ice at Lock Three on Saturday and it required the assistance of the steamer B. F. Jones of the same line to release her.

The steamers Sailor and Aliquippa which locked through No. 4 Saturday afternoon got as far as the Sunny Side mine, about six miles below this point, where they were compelled to go to the bank. They could not push their two loaded steel barges through the ice.

The Braddock, Duquesne and Jumata attempted to keep the ice moving in the third pool Saturday, but had to give up the attempt. The low water in the river made it impossible to put the ice over the dam, and as a result the floating cakes made a compact mass which could not be moved.

The river from Charleroi to California is again in bad shape, with heavy ice which had been broken up knitted together again and in a more dangerous condition that it was before. In the fifth pool the big gorge still remains. The steamer Swan, which went up Saturday, did a little dynamiting on Sunday, but it had no effect. The gorge is lodged too solidly, and it may not be removed until nature comes to the rescue of the river interests. The steamer Alicia is reported to be lying in bad shape and in danger of breaking in two. From present indications it will be several days yet before the river is opened to navigation, and even greater danger confronts shipping interests than at any time during the winter.

MONESSEN MERCHANTS AGREE TO CLOSING HOUR

Merchants of Monessen have agreed to a closing hour for their stores, having entered into an agreement fortified by a bond from each one, that hereafter their places of business will be closed each evening at 6 o'clock, except on the pay nights of the Pittsburg Steel company, and for a period of ten days prior to the holidays.

NAMES ADDED TO CHURCH ROLL

Washington Avenue Presbyterian Had Successful Series of Meetings

SPECIAL SERMON BY PASTOR

Evangilistic services that began with the week of prayer, and continued for two weeks, were concluded Sunday in the Washington avenue Presbyterian church, with a communion service and reception of members. In spite of the extreme cold weather throughout the month there was a good attendance throughout the services. The music was much enjoyed and some ringing choruses from Alexander's song book No. 3 were really a part of the revival.

Rev. John R. Burson, the pastor of the church, did all the preaching and the church is known to have a number of personal workers whose work was very fruitful. There were several conversions in the homes among people who were not privileged to attend the church services. On Sunday 40 persons were received into the church, 36 by profession of faith and four by letter. Several more will join at a later time. Sunday evening Rev. Burson preached a sermon to the new converts, and the day closed with general rejoicing.

REPORTS A BIG SALE OF WAR THRIFT STAMPS

The Monongahela post office reports sale of Thrift Stamps to the amount of over $7,500. Among the purchasers were two Hungarians, each of whom invested $500 in these securities. One of the men said he had three brothers in the Austrian army, but that he hated the Kaiser just the same, and showed his faith in the United States by taking a large subscription to the baby bonds.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hotts spent the week-end with Mrs. Robert Lowe of Donora.

WESTMORELAND CO. MILLAGE IS FIXED

The commissioners of Westmoreland county have fixed the millage for the year 1918 as follows: General purposes, 8 mills, road, 1 mill, and bridging at 1 mill. This is the same levy that was made in 1917.

Majestic Theatre Presents Today

Wm. Fox Production, featuring Tom Mix in "Cupid's Round-Up"

Also Sunshine Comedy

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ARE WE RESPONDING.

Are we, as citizens of Charleroi, responding as we should to the appeals of those who are soliciting for the benefit of the Charleroi Chapter of the American Red Cross? Have we opened our eyes to the true state of affairs, and are we looking conditions as they exist today squarely in the face?

These questions are prompted by the fact that responses to the appeals of those who are giving of their time and energy to putting the local Red Cross Chapter on a strong financial basis, have not been as liberal as the committee would like to see.

There is no question as to the needs not only at the present time, but of those that shall come in a larger sense during the next few months, when the American army will be directly in touch with the Germans over a large section of the battle line. Already it is announced that our men have taken over definitely a large sector of the battle line, and this means the first line trenches, as well as all the supports, will be manned by men from the United States, with a consequent largely increasing casualty list.

It is to take care of these men, as well as those of our allies, that the Red Cross, not only of Charleroi, but elsewhere, needs money. They need it in generous quantities, for the demands that will be made in the future will largely exceed those of the past. We are going to have millions of men across the water, and to care for their needs, in trench as well as hospital, will require our unceasing efforts as well as our liberal financial contributions.

We should not be deceived by the stories which emanate from Germany and Austria. Whenever internal conditions in those countries reach such a stage as to become dangerous to the present governments, the borders will be sealed so tightly that no information will come through. When such tales as are now being printed in American newspapers reach the ears of experienced officers of the allies, they put their keenest men on the listening posts and prepare for the surprise attacks. Let us do likewise.

"ELIMINATE SENTIMENT"

"Eliminate Sentiment," said Capt. J. M. DeBeaufort, in an address he made at a luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce on Friday. "Hang every German spy of propagandist caught and intern every American business man or workmen who refuses to help the government defeat the kaiser and his allies," said the speaker, who warned the American people that they are "too sentimental."

"They sit back and calmly see the ammunition plants and factories go up in smoke, while the German agents responsible for them sit back and laugh. The time has come for every American to stop talking about doing his 'bit' and start to do his all. If we are to win the war every American must perform a universal service. We must make examples of every German spy caught. It would be the best to hang them. Don's shoot them, that would be too easy."

We are apt to say this is strong language, but considering the enormity we have to fight it is none too severe for the occasion. Reports come from the battle front which says that American soldiers captured by the Germans are to be confined in cages and left for them to lie down in, thus compelling the unfortunate to stand this punishment to be inflicted for a period of four days, in order to humble their "submissive" spirit. And in view of the manner in which the civilian population of Belgium and Northern France have been treated, who can not doubt the truthfulness of the report?

The time is coming when we will have to put aside all sentiment and deal in a drastic and harsh manner with all those who attempt to nullify the efforts of the government to win the war. At the opening of the civil war Secretary Dix said that if any "attempted to haul down the American flag shoot him on the spot." This is the kind of Americanism we need at the present time and we must have officials who will not hesitate to enforce it whenever necessary. This is a time for settlement.

A USEFUL ALLY

The credit [illegible] many [illegible] detrimental to our country's good [illegible] of inquiry subject, it [illegible] says the New York Sun. He is the most useful though possibly [illegible] ally that the German people could ever attach to himself. He does the Kaiser's work without reward or hope of reward but nevertheless he makes himself an agent of Prussia constantly laboring against the United States.

Whether the unverified tale be of scandals or war administration, of disasters on sea or shore, of incompetence in high places, of unsuccessful experiments, it serves the enemy purpose by disturbing the minds of those to whom it is repeated. Sometimes it is of a nature not capable of explicit denial. It may be a generality so vague as to defy analysis. But its harmful work is done when it is handled about, even though no more respectable source is assigned to it than the liar "they say."

These rumors, these "confidentially" retold falsehoods, are frequently untraceable. The malice that inspires them cannot be brought to light. But the stupid persons who give effective circulation to them can be detected and brought to book, and the federal authorities have announced that hereafter this form of giving aid and comfort to the enemy is to be dealt with seriously. Their resolution has not been taken too soon. The penalties that can be inflicted cannot be too severe. The circulators of false and malicious stories whose effect is to impair confidence in the country deserves the most rigorous punishment that can be inflicted on them.

OLD TOMBS OF PATRIARCHS

Cave of Machpelah, Bought by Abraham for a Burying Place, Has Stood Ravages of Time.

The tombs of the patriarchs in Jerusalem, the cave of Machpelah, which Abraham bought for "a possession of a burying place," is still in existence. For forty centuries it withstood the ravages of time and men, relates a writer.

It is situated in the town of Hebron, 16 miles south-southwest of Jerusalem, and sheltered from profanation by a Mahometan mosque that rises above it. The tomb contains the whole patriarchal family, with the exception of Rachel. The cave is divided into an upper and a lower compartment. Only the upper compartment is accessible to the priest in charge of the mosque, but he only enters it in times of great calamity, and for the sole purpose of praying. As to the lower compartment, where repose the illustrious fathers of the Jewish nation, they remained completely closed until the year 1862, when, for the first time, King Edward VII, then the prince of Wales, together with Doctor Stanley, the dean of Westminster Abbey, and two other friends, were granted admission.

The six tombs are arranged symmetrically in rows of twos; a seventh, in the wall, is believed to belong to Joseph. Abraham's tomb, which has the form of a coffin with a shelving ridge, is about eight feet high, and is set in the cement of stone and marble. It is covered with three gold embroidered green carpets, one of which are the gifts of the emperor of Constantinople, Mahomet II, the conqueror of Egypt, Selim II, and the Sultan Abdul Medjid.

Raised Her Own Curls.

Elizabeth had accompanied her mother down town on a shopping trip. While mother was busy selecting her goods Elizabeth wandered over to the notion counters where were on that occasion, and stood looking into the window of the cashier's cage. Noticing the pretty golden curls of the child, the cashier asked: "Little girl, where did you get the pretty curls?" Elizabeth did not answer and the young man again asked in a teasing way: "Where did you get your pretty curls?"

In a scornful and emphatic tone Elizabeth answered: "She never sprained 'em! I curled 'em."

Shopping Made Easy.

No longer must the husband stand around for hours trying to match silks or ribbons in the department stores. The government has decided that the sufferings of the silk-matching husband are just too horrible and is planning to alleviate them by standard section. Soon Henry will be able to order E-3755 and carry it home to Jane with the absolute certainty that there will be no come-back. The magic mechanism is the colorimeter, a device which is being perfected by the United States bureau of standards. The vibrations of light—which determine color—will be thrown onto one plane by the colorimeter and split up. Definite color standards so determined will be used in grading crude oil and paints as well as color fabrics. —Milestone.

WHEN YOUR OWN'S IN KHAKI

Army Takes on an Entirely New Aspect to Relatives and Friends of Enlisted Men.

It makes all the difference in the world when your own's in uniform, observes the Columbus Dispatch. You may think you have a proper appreciation of the soldiers; you may feel that you are patriotic; you may suppose that you are doing as you can to help win the war. But you will know nothing about appreciating a soldier, or about patriotism, or about sacrifice, until one of your own puts on a uniform.

All of which is suggested by a little incident of a recent football game at the university, when the soldiers were drilling. Few noticed it—for it was not intended to be noticed—but the few who did notice it grew mellow and sympathetic, and left the grounds feeling that the world does not realize the human suffering that is endured by the women of this country at this time.

A woman sat in one of the lower rows of seats. She came unattended. No one seemed to pay any attention to her. She was dressed demurely, with a dark veil about her eyes. She knew nothing about football; that was not what she went out to the grounds to see. Her eyes were fastened upon the uniforms; that was her object—to behold the boys in khaki. And she sat there while they were going through their drill, and wiped a tear from her eye occasionally, and her bosom heaved with emotion, and she spoke to no one about her. When the soldiers left the field she also left, unnoticed by the throng.

Her own boy wears a uniform. That was the sorrowful secret which she held. He is "somewhere in France." She knew none of these boys before her, but her own wears a uniform; that was enough. And so she sat there, thinking, praying, sympathizing, loving these lads who are clad as her boy is clad. It was a great game of football—perhaps!

SALVAGE SHIPS WITH FLOATS

Sunken Vessels May Be Brought to Surface by New Collapsible Device Recently Invented.

A novel method of salvaging sunken ships has been devised by Dr. Sylvio Pellico Portella, of Rio de Janeiro, says the Popular Science Monthly.

The invention consists of a specially built tender which carries collapsible floats made of waterproof material. The floats occupy very little space until they are put into use and inflated. They are constructed in such a manner that they will assume a number of different shapes when they are inflated.

Taken down to the wreck by divers, they are attached to the vessel both inside and outside and are connected with the tender by lines of hose. When in place they are inflated by air pressure from the tender. As they swell, they displace the water from within as well as from without, and their buoyancy causes the wreck to float upward to the surface.

Way They Have in the Army.

You begin to learn that the army has ways of its own, and that its ways are not civilian ways, pretty soon after you get into it, observes a writer in the Saturday Evening Post. Orders that must be obeyed without question and without delay, telling you to do things that you have never done before, and don't know why you are doing now, always make a civilian gasp a little at first. You discover that to question and to seek to discover the motive and ultimate aim of any order that you do not understand is purely instinctive. You ask yourself quite automatically: "Why should I do this?" or "Shall I do this?" When you have been in the army a little while you discover that the answer is "Yes." There is no other answer, so after a while you quit asking yourself foolish questions. This is what may be called "the effect of discipline." We Americans are always being told that we are the most undisciplined people on earth; that we do as we please and that a rigorously ordered life and discipline would do us good and make us more effective. Well, I am here to state that the theory and belief is now being tested out in about a million of us and if after the war we don't come out of the ruck it will be because there is nobody there to tell us to come in.

Motion Pictures in Bahamas.

A communication has been received by the American consulate from a citizen of Nassau, Bahama Islands, stating that a movement is on foot to obtain motion pictures of a high character for use in that city. The kinds of film desired are: Animated weekly, adventure, scenic and natural history, well-known books, plays, folk stories, etc., and humor without vulgarity. It is proposed that pictures shall be supplied fortnightly, with a reserve of two weeks in stock, to cover irregularities of delivery.

Her Narrow Escape.

One day, when Dorothy's mother was reading to the little girl, she came to the word "gravitation." She explained its meaning briefly, but thought the child would forget it. Consequently she was much surprised when, a few days later, Dorothy came running in, exclaiming excitedly:

"Oh, mamma, it's a good thing for me there's a law of gravitation, or I'd have tumbled head over heels into heaven just now, when I fell off the ladder."

Nightmares Aided Him.

Edgar Allen Poe was indebted to nightmares for some of his most terrible conceptions and stories. The scene in "Arthur Gordon Pym," where the hero awakes in the narrow bunk of a ship laden with earth and goes through all the terror of believing himself buried alive, is undoubtedly the result of a personal experience, not in waking, but in sleeping moments; whilst the conception of the Raven, with his everlasting "Nevermore," came to the poet as he dozed in his armchair whilst his pet raven perched on the top of the bookcase.—Exchange.

Turtle as a Food.

The choicest morsel of all the turtle tribe is the diamond-back terrapin. Because of its rarity and unusual flavor a specimen seven inches long weighing about four pounds is worth about $6, and every additional half-inch in length adds another dollar to the price. Loggerheads, snapping turtles and soft-shelled turtles are all eaten. The last named are the most palatable of all after the terrapin. They live in muddy streams and ponds and are easily caught on a hook baited with meat.

Miniature Violin Inside of Cane.

For the modern Romeo and his midnight serenades a walking-stick violin might have certain advantages. At any rate, such a combination instrument has been fashioned. The cane is made of bamboo and by removing a well-fitted section the strings are uncovered. The bow is withdrawn through one end of the stick. The queer instrument is shown in Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Dickens and the Pigs.

Charles Dickens, writing of his observations in a trip to this country, described as one of the incidents which attracted his attention to the numerous pigs he saw sunning themselves in downtown streets. Long before the time of which he wrote, pigs had been a source of much revenue, and many were the protests that followed the action of passing an ordinance prohibiting the keeping of them.

When Packing Glass.

When packing glass or fine china use excelsior or straw which has been slightly dampened. The water causes both of these materials to swell, and this swelling automatically fills up the crevices, thus wedging the packing in between breakable articles much better than it can be done by hand. This is the method employed by professional packers.

Playing War.

Bobbie, aged five, was playing war with pillows. His mother kept calling him to breakfast, and at last, growing impatient, she took a stick and started upstairs. Bobbie, engaged in his battle, was saying: "Now France is beating, now Germany," and when he saw his mother he crawled under the bed saying: "Here comes America, and she always beats."

An Antipodean Mr. Blunderby.

An old veteran who was for a long time curator of a college in Australia was noted for his malapropisms. One day he was summoned by two students from different ends of the corridor. The double summons exasperated him. "Gentlemen!" he exclaimed. "I really cannot be ubiquitous."—Boston Transcript.

Size of Russia.

Russia is about twenty times larger than Germany and France put together, having an area of 8,505,000 square miles, and is larger than all of North America. The population of Russia is supposed to number about 165,000,000, fully 100,000,000 more than that of Germany before the war.

New Water Gauge for Engine.

To make the sight gauge of a stationary engine readable from a distance an inventor has equipped a gauge with an arrow, the point of which follows the rise and fall of water in the glass tube.

Rural Residents Decrease.

Every time in the last half century that a census has been taken it has shown an increase in the percentage of urban dwellers in England and Wales and a decrease in the proportion of rural residents.

Cleans Air for Carbureter.

To clean the air that enters an automobile carbureter an inventor has patented a device that passes it through curved, square sectioned tubes, the dirt being thrown to the sides by centrifugal force.

More Convincing.

Valet—"One of your creditors wishes to see you, sir." "Tell him I'm out." Valet—"Yes, sir. And I'll just light one of your best cigars, sir; he'll be more likely to believe me then."

Height of Ill-Manners.

To sit at a woman's table and later use her weaknesses or ignorances to point a jest is not an unheard-of thing, but it is a shameful one.

Being Sure of Them.

Some spinsters do not believe in taxing bachelors; they believe in nailing them.

HOW ONE SHOULD USE MONEY

Worth of Pennies, Nickels and Dimes First Value a Wise Man Can Place on Wealth.

"Any man, in order to achieve real success, must have the right ideas about money. If he hasn't the right ideas about money, he is not solid in character, observes a writer in the American Magazine. A man may easily be happy, successful and highly regarded on $1,800 dollars or less a year; but, if he is, it is because he knows how to handle those $1,800, and realizes the power that is in each of those $1,800, and keeps in sight the fact that it takes 100 cents or 20 nickels, or 10 dimes, to make each one of those $1,800.

"On the other hand, a man may have an annual income of $50,000 and be neither successful nor happy nor highly regarded. If this is true of him, it is because he has not the right ideas about money.

"Here is the thing that applies to my experience and to every man's: Money is the symbol of worth and power, if your money is handled correctly. If you regard money as a constructive thing, something to be used beneficially for yourself, your family and your community, something with which to build up and produce improvements, you are on solid ground; nothing can shake you, nothing, outside of earthquakes and fires, can ruin you financially. Let me put it this way: The use a man makes of his money after he has got his hands on it is the measure of his worth."

PRINCE OF TAVERN WRITERS

"Good Old Horace" Positively Popular in the American Meaning, Declares Genial Midwest Critic.

Old Horatius Flaccus of all the ancient bards is nearest to our modern sense. He is positively "popular" in the American meaning. Nearly every rhymster translates or parodies an ode or two. He is very affinitive, companionable and appropos, so to speak. We understand him and feel certain that he would understand us were he here. He would be conducting a "colyum" of quips and jests upon some editorial page or else be a better James Whitcomb Riley were he one of us right now. To be sure, he would have to alter his morals a mite to serenade Lalage and to babble of Falernian a little less, but in general Horace would be "right there with the push."

Old Horace is a brother and a sport, as well as all men who read him feel, observes a writer in the Minneapolis Journal. And that is why so many are strong for him still, just as the late Eugene Field was. That Sabine farm of his, some miles out of Caesarean Home and a long time back in the centuries, is as familiar to us as "out to old Aunt Mary's."

Measuring High Temperature.

Tin, which melts at about 450 degrees Fahrenheit, has been applied to the measurement of high temperatures in the same way that mercury, melting at 38 degrees below zero, is used for measuring ordinary atmosphere temperatures. Instead of being placed in a glass bulb with closed tube, says the Nebraska State Journal, the melted tin is contained in a graphite bulb having an open tube, and readings are made by lowering into the tube a plunger of a metal with a high melting point. When the plunger touches the tin, an electric circuit is closed, giving a bell or other signal, the position of the plunger showing the temperature. This new form of pyrometer may be used in either of two ways (1) to give the temperature at any time by sliding down the pointer until the electric signal is set off, or (2) to announce when any predetermined temperature is reached by setting the pointer at the proper number of degrees on the scale. As the melted tin, like melted mercury, is found to expand at a very even rate, the indications are held to be notably accurate.

Men and Watches.

Special talent often makes fine sports ahead and genius sometimes soars grandly, but it is the steady-going sort of worker who gets the most done in the end, and is the most reliable. It is with men as it is with their watches—the most reliable and serviceable are the ones steadily at work, a writer on the Canadian Herald observes. There is a Pennsylvania railroad engineer who has retired on a pension after 48 years of service. "I have carried one watch for more [illegible] years," he says, "and it always [illegible] the right time. A good conductor must have a good watch; it does the most important part of his work." It is because of this opinion that he has [illegible] an exceptionally sober, orderly, [illegible] man, whose health has also [illegible] and [illegible] record always [illegible]. But does it? this go without saying, when we know that his watch always kept the right time?

Don't Betray Confidence.

"Now you mustn't repeat this, for I promised not to tell anybody." When a girl prefaces a breach of confidence in this fashion, she will not deceive herself into thinking that she has made things all right, not at least if she stops to think, says a writer. For to pass a secret on to one, is as much a violation as to tell all, and moreover if she herself is so little bound by a pledge, why should she expect another to abide by it. If you are given to betraying confidences, do not pretend that you make it all right by assuming that your confidante is more honorable than you are.

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It is just such experiences as that of Mrs. Binzer that has made this famous root and herb remedy a household word from ocean to ocean. Any woman who suffers from inflammation, ulceration, displacements, backache, nervousness, irregularities or "the blues" should not rest until she has given it a trial, and for special advice write Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

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of infants and children you can find nothing that heals like
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Leading physicians and nurses have used and endorsed it for more than 25 years. 25c at the Vinol and other drug stores
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And Invigorates Old People

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All this week==Special Sale of Georgette and Crepe de Chine

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Regular values up to $6.00, White, Flesh and a limited selection of other popular colors, extra fine qualities, finely made, perfect fitting and extremely attractive designs.

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Only a few left to be sold at these reduced prices

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This includes every plush coat formerly priced as high as $50.00. Beautiful qualities, every desirable style and all sizes. This is your big opportunity while they last.

J. W. BERRYMAN & SON

Charleroi's Busy Store

Every U. S. Premium placed in American homes is evidence of a substantial saving easily made with no sacrifice. They are articles housewives need but need not buy.

The Sperry & Hutchinson Co.

To the Patrons of the Railroads:

Much of the freight congestion in this district is due tofailure of some consignees to take their freight away from freight stations and team tracks promptly.

The operating committee, acting under the authority of the Director General of Railroads, hereby calls upon shippers and consignees to load, unload and remove their freight with the greatest possible dispatch to the end that the roads may better perform all their functions of transportation.

R. E. McCarty,
Chairman.

'Brer Groundhog saw his shadow all right on Saturday—now will we have six weeks more of winter?

THE RED TAG CLEARANCE SALE

Makes These Values Possible

At $1.25 yd. All linen Table Damask, 70 ins. wide, 5 patterns

At 49c White Skirts and Night Gowns. Worth 75c.

At 79c Beautiful White Waists, nicely trimmed with lace, worth $1.25.

At 14c Good quality Outing Flannels, heavily fleeced, light and dark.

At 17c Percales, 36 inches wide, in standard quality, light and dark.

Come and Get Your Share of Bargains

Roe & Co. 422 Fallowfield Avenue

WILL BE PAID FOR HAULING ASHES

Steel plants in the Pittsburg district must pay the railroads several hundred thousand dollars for back tariffs earned by the hauling of slag from the mills to the dumping grounds, and the rates established by the railroads and approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission will stand, according to a decision handed down by Federal Judge W.H. S. Thomson, in the courts at Pittsburg on Thursday.

Suit had been filed against the Carnegie Steel Company by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad last May, the traffic company stating that despite its contract to charge 20 cents a ton for transporting all slag and refuse, and 35 cents a ton for ashes, etc., the steel company refused part of the payment, claiming that the railroad had appropriated some of the material to its own use. The railroad company claimed a balance of $30,340.38.

Judge Thomson ruled that the railroad company, having contracted to remove the refuse, could do what it pleased with the material so long as it was removed irrespective of the scheduled destination of the waste.

Other cases of a similar nature are pending in the same court and it is expected they will be decided in favor of the plaintiffs.

Don't wait until your blood is impoverished and you are sick and ailing; take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea now: it will drive out the germs of Winter, purify the stomach, regulate the bowels—nature's spring tonic-cleanser. Hennings Drug Store.

Look! Listen! For Sale.

A great bargain. 10 roomed brick house with all conveniences in the best location on Washington avenue at the right price to a quick buyer I. P. Hepler, 411 Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi, Pa. 185-tf

Tickets for the Monessen Board of Trade Annual meeting and luncheon on February 6 are on sale at the Paper Drug store and at George S. Wright Sons. The speakers will be Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis and Dr. Francis H. Green. 195-t4

The weather man promises us another cold wave for Tuesday, which will again seal the rivers to navigation, if it arrives on schedule time. Even with the efforts made [illegible] in a state

BETROTHAL OF THE JUNGLE

Maiden and Intended Each Supposed to Meditate on Advisability of Union Before Ceremony.

A second beating of tomtoms thundered through the barrio. The bride was coming! Down an avenue made for her by women of the tribe slowly crept the tiny figure. It was draped in the softest eastern stuffs; jeweled anklets and bangles tinkled merrily. A gauzy veil of wondrous workmanship shielded the figure, but through it Piang recognized his beloved Papita.

Slowly she approached; fearfully she raised her eyes to the man who awaited her, Florence Partello Stuart writes in St. Nicholas. Her little feet faltered, and Papita leaned heavily against the woman who supported her.

But at that moment Piang gave a strange whistle, three soft notes of a mina bird floated over the barrio and Papita became suddenly alive. Again the notes stole through the jungle. The bride threw back her veil.

"The unwilling maid seems to have forgotten her woe," said one scornful woman to another.

The priestess commenced the ceremony that was to last all night. It was filled with weird chants to which Papita responded with renewed vigor. But her eyes furtively glanced toward a spot near the curve of the creek where a slender reed swayed unceasingly.

After several hours the priestess led the way to the water and Enoch placed Papita in her gala vinta and pushed her out into the stream. He got into another and the two boats nosed each other while the crowd showered them with oils and perfumes. When the command came to part, the boats shot off in opposite directions. A maiden and a bridegroom are each supposed to meditate, in Oriental fashion, on the advisability of the union before the final ceremony; so read the Dyak marriage laws.

AMERICANS' ONE GREAT IDEA

Happiness Has Principal Charm—The People Are the Most Idealistic and Imaginative.

"The Americans are the most idealistic and imaginative people in the world, and the most prosaic, because like Wordsworth, the most prosaic of poets, they believe in happiness, and happiness to them as to Wordsworth means 'mens sana in corpore sano;' every one efficient in the tasks of modern life, the least heroic of doctrines.

"I met a young American poet, handsome, and besides elated by winning some prize or other for a poem. He said to me in his arrogant way that poetry is a by-product of life. Why, I said, 'it is life itself.' 'I don't agree with you,' was all he condescended to reply. This young man expressed the American idea.

"I think the English dislike of theories, etc., through their long history is because of their poetical minds and their preoccupation with personality and its freedom.

"The taste for scenery has this advantage over the taste for human nature; the heart is not bruised. Yet since scenery is never absurd as are poor mortals, neither is there laughter nor genial pity. We love scenery principally because the feelings it creates are tranquil and easily controlled so that we can enjoy our full measure of self-content: dealing with human nature, the poet cannot be the superior person nor can he be proud."—From the Letters of John Butler Yeats.

About Cork.

A good, sound cork is something worth taking care of and using properly. Never "waggle" a cork out of a bottle. That is the best way to break or at least spring a crack in the cork. Remove the cork with a turning or twisting movement, always in one direction only, i. e., not a twist one way and then in the opposite way. Replace the cork with the same twist as when removing it. Never lay a cork down on a dirty, splashed table. If it must be laid down, stand it on its crown or top. For bottles containing liquids in use, e. g., developers, etc., attach the cork to the bottle thus: Pass a crochet needle through the top of the cork, and with its aid draw the end of a piece of fine twine right through the cork, and tie this end of the string round the neck of the bottle, so adjusting matters that the cork just fails to reach the table (i. e., bottom of the bottle) when the cork and string are free. This saves the cork getting lost in the darkroom.

Makes Eggs Tell Their Age.

A novel and rapid way whereby to determine the age of an egg has been developed by M. Grossfeld, a French investigator. He has supplemented the usual method by one dependent on specific gravity, notes the Boston Transcript. The existing way whereby to determine the age of eggs is by candling them and taking note of the "mirage which forms about the yolk." Mr. Grossfeld has determined that specific gravity of normal eggs in the way attributed to Archimedes, and there has been figured out the loss in gravity, for each week of keeping. For quick inspection of qualities of eggs, he has devised a form of hydrometer. The egg takes the place of the weighted bulb and the scale indicates the specific gravity and at the same time the age of the egg. A little cage has been arranged to hold the egg and is capable of quick handling. Big eggs and little eggs are subject to errors in [illegible]

BURNED FROM FLASH OF GASOLINE TORCH

Peter Vanderveer, a miner, employed by Regan & Hormell, was slightly burned at noon today by a flash from a gasoline torch he was using while doing a repair job in the Palace theatre. It was at first believed there had been a gasoline explosion and the fire department was called out. However, the services of the firemen were not needed. Vanderveer was slightly burned about the face, and the injury will keep him off work for a few days. Dr. Davis was called and attended the injured man.

ANSWER AN ALARM SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The fire department answered a call Sunday afternoon to the home of Charles Penler, 135 Fallowfield ave., a gas explosion having blown out about six feet of a tile wall and setting fire to a joist under the front porch. The fire was put out with but little damage from that source.

PERSONALS

John A. Lane, who has been employed with the Pittsburg Railways Company for the past ten years, has resigned his position and accepted a more responsible one as manager of the Independent Telephone Company.

Miss Bertha Anthony visited Thursday in Pittsburg at the Mercy Hospital with her friend Mr. Miller, who underwent an operation. His condition is reported as being very good.

Mrs. H. A. Devore has returned to her home at Thomas after visiting with Mrs. George D. Clark of Crest avenue.

The ice embargo on the Monongahela river appears to be moved for the time being, for which we are all duly grateful. It will serve to ease conditions along several lines.

ALIENS ARE SLOW IN REGISTERING

Only two German alien enemies had appeared at the police station, Fallowfield avenue, up until two o'clock today, to be registered in accordance with the regulations laid down by the government. This registration is a very slow process, requiring over an hour of time to register each individual. It is expected that the applications will be much heavier during the balance of the week, as each applicant is required to have three photographs of himself, and with this feature taken care of the police look for a greater number as the week progresses.

Plant Food in Soil.

A chemical analysis cannot show the amount of available plant food in a soil. A chemist could, without difficulty, make an artificial soil containing every element of plant food in abundance, and yet be perfectly sterile. Peat, for example, is usually very rich in nitrogen, but it is locked up or unavailable. To pulverize it and mix it with lime is to change it into a highly nutritious soil.

Coconuts All Year 'Round.

Across Lake Worth, from West Palm Beach, Fla., is Palm Beach, situated on a strip which extends along the Atlantic ocean for many miles. The world famous Royal Poinciana, one of the world's largest hotels, and the Palm Beach hotel both face Lake Worth. The shores of the lake for miles are fringed with stately coconut trees, always in bearing.

Despise the Savoyards.

Even to the present day the Genevese hate and despise the Savoyards, their hereditary enemies, calling the contemptuous attention of the stranger to the fact that these neighbors of theirs are unthrifty and still make their women work in the fields, as they did in former days. Fifteen minutes' ride in a motorcar will carry one from Geneva into Savoy.

Foundation for Success.

Constant cheerfulness and singleness of purpose, holding ever in mind the goal to be attained, will carry farther on the road to success than any other method however strenuous, declares an educator. Purification of self, consideration for others, increasing effort and no backward turning—these are the fundamentals of success.

Paraguayans Mistaken.

Paraguay has been fortunate in that she has produced some exceedingly strong men. But very unfortunate in that these men have too often been mistaken, selfish and grasping. One of the leading Paraguayans of today

This Is Our Winter of Test

SERVING food is a local problem for each community. Prices and definite rules for every one cannot be formulated. It is a duty for each one to eat only so much as is necessary to maintain the human body healthy and strong. This winter of 1918 is the period when is to be tested here in America whether our people are capable of voluntary individual sacrifice to save the world. That is the purpose of the organization of the United States Food Administration—by voluntary effort to provide the food that the world needs.

U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION

BROWNSVILLE WENT "DRY" ON FRIDAY

Brownsville went "dry" on Friday. That is to say, the town is without water. The citizens of that ancient village are now enjoying all the pleasure of a washless and waterless season, which, while it may be the joy of the small boy, is rather inconvenient to the older residents. The ice in the Monongahela river has closed the intake pipes of the water company, which shut off the supply from that source, another pump was installed, but it broke down, thus leaving the water works impotent. The citizens then turned to the "town pump", located on the hill a short distance below the Girard Hotel, but the demands were so many on these conveniences that the supply finally gave out leaving the town without any water supply whatever. However, steps were taken to break the "famine," and gave the people their usual supply again.

Attention Ladies

All ladies of St. Jerome's congregation interested in Red Cross work will please meet at the Elks Club Thursday evening, February 7th. Business of importance to be transacted.

Committee.
196-t1.

Mrs. Kate Hall says: "I have kept house 15 years, am the mother of four children and I would not keep house without Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea." Wise Woman, why? Drives away sickness, brings health and hapiness to the whole family. Hennings Drug Store.

Classified

FOR SALE—Smallfruit and chicken farm one mile from Monongahela on Washington Pike, containing 5 1-4 acres, 6 room house, spring well and cistern, barn and large chicken house 72 feet long. Fruit of all kinds, red and black raspberries, black berries, currents and goose berries, apples, peaches, pears, plums, cherries and grapes. Bell telephone 15-W Monongahela. 182-tf

FOR SALE—A bed davenport and two leather chairs. Inquire 102 Mail office. 196-tfp.

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms 102 Mail office. 196-t2p.

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. 315 Fallowfield ave. 196-t2p.

FOR RENT—Four vacant rooms. 215 Fallowfield ave. 196-t2p.

LOST—Ladies, Black Pocket Book, containing wedding ring, money and railroad ticket. Saturday afternoon in depot. Reward if returned to 102 Mail office. 196-t1

LOST—Ten dollar bill in butcher shop Saturday night. Finder kindly return to 102 Mail office and receive reward. 196-t2p.

WANTED — Girl. Apply to National Restaurant corner Sixth and McKean. 196-t3

WANTED — Girl to assist with housework. Call Bell phone 117-W. 196-t2.

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Must be experienced. Good [illegible] Apply to Mrs.

RESPECT FOR FALLEN FOE

How Scottish Aviator Dropped a Wreath on Funeral Procession of Man He Killed.

A true incident that reveals the respect shown by allied aviators for the memory of a daring enemy flier is told in "Tam o' the Scoots," by Edgar Wallace, writing in Everybody's. Tam, an intrepid Scotchman, was told that the man he had brought down the day before was a well-known German aviator named Von Zedlitz, and on behalf of the Royal Flying corps, Tam was selected to take a wreath to the funeral.

"The wreath in a tin box, firmly corded and attached to a little parachute, was placed in the fusilage of a small Morane—his own machine being in the hands of the mechanics—and Tam climbed into the seat. In five minutes he was pushing up at the steep angle which represented the extreme angle at which a man can fly. Tam never employed a lesser one.

"Evidently the enemy scout realized the business of this lone British flyer and must have signaled his views to the earth, for the antiaircraft batteries suddenly ceased fire, and when, approaching Ludezeel, Tam sighted an enemy squadron engaged in a practice flight, they opened out and made way for him, offering no molestation.

"Tam began to plane down. He spotted the big white-speckled cemetery and saw a little procession making its way to the grounds. He came down to a thousand feet and dropped his parachute. He saw it open and sail earthward and then someone on the ground waved a white handkerchief.

"'Guid,' said Tam."

RECRUIT HAD OWN METHOD

Showed He Could Do Some Shooting When Sergeant Let Him Do It as He Wanted.

Among a batch of recruits sent up from the recruiting office was a tall, lanky, tow-headed East Tennesseean, whose habitat stuck out all over him. He took to the training all right enough until the company went to the target range for rifle practice.

The sergeant in charge of the practice showed the recruits the regulation position for firing—left elbow resting against the side and all that. But to his disappointment the Tennesseean could not hit the target at a range of 100 yards. Finally in disgust the sergeant blurted out:

"Say, Jim, I thought you told me you used to go out in the mornings and shoot the head off a squirrel for your breakfast, and now you can't even hit that target!"

To which came the drawling response: "Wal, sergeant, we all do do that, an' if you'll let me shoot the way I'm used to I can knock all h—l outen that target."

The amused sergeant agreed and the recruit proceeded to spread his legs wide apart, extended his left arm to its full length—grasping the rifle near the muzzle—and put ten shots through the center of the bull's eye.

"Jim's performance with the rifle was spectacular," added the narrator, "and put an abrupt end to the sergeant's efforts to teach him how to shoot. In after years he carried off the highest shooting honors three years in succession—won the Buffalo medal."

Made 10,000 Shark Hooks.

The government is going in for shark fishing, but not as a sport, however. It is going after this aquatic monster that the skins of the sharks may be tanned and used as a substitute for leather.

The experiment is now under way, and the man who has given Uncle Sam a leg over the fence, as it were, is J. W. Fordham, a New London, Conn., artisan, whose blacksmith shop is in the vicinity of picturesque Shaw's Cove, for in that little smithery 10,000 shark hooks were made in three sizes for the United States government.

Mr. Fordham signed the contract and was allowed thirty days in which to complete the order. By keeping his force working day and night he was able to ship the entire consignment to the government agents in New York in little more than half the time called for in the contract.—Marine News.

Hands and Feet.

At a busy crossing in Edinburgh a cabman was stopped by the policeman on point duty in order to allow the cross traffic to proceed.

The man in blue, evidently proud of his authority, kept the cabby waiting longer than was necessary.

The cabman began to proceed, although the hand of the policeman was against him.

"D'd ye no' see me haudin' up my hand?" roared the angry policeman.

"Well, I did notice that it began to get dark suddenly," said the cabby; "but I didn't know it was your hand. Ye see, it's takin' me all my time tae keep my horse frae shyin' at yer feet!"

Delicate Youth.

Here is a little story made public by the United States Marine corps:

Fearing that the rigors of warfare would be too much for her delicate son, a woman living at Fresno, Cal., wrote to the United States Marine corps headquarters at Washington, asking that the young man be discharged.

"He is too weak and delicate to be in the service," she wrote. "He is a blacksmith's helper by trade, and I would prefer him to stay at his last job."

The mother was informed that, for the time being, her son would remain a marine.

Tobolsk Gives Promise.

Tobolsk is the mere beginning of a city. Some day a great metropolis will stand there. Tobolsk today is what St. Louis or Chicago was a hundred years ago. The half million square miles of the province of Tobolsk include huge areas of rich land, although the northern reaches are lapped by the Arctic ocean. Already a great part of it is sown in wheat and the cattle are increasing from year to year. With the building of railways these great Siberian plains will tell the story of our own West over again.

"Shouting" Flagstones.

Visitors at Washington find unique the "shouting" flagstones in the floor under the dome of the capitol building which no scientist has been able to explain. The flagstone are some forty or fifty feet apart, and when two persons are standing on them a tone in the lowest pitch will be heard distinctly. If either person steps off his particular flagstone he must shout to be understood. Mysterious acoustics of this kind are rare throughout the world.

Both Good and Busy.

Wretched is the worker who has retired permanently from active life, for his accumulated fortune cannot give surcease from the weary sorrow of idleness. Miserable is the woman whom sudden fortune has exempted from the need of attention to pleasant household cares. If you would be happy banish unhappy memories. Recollect the good in men and forget the bad. Be as virtuous as you possibly can and busy yourself about something. —Exchange.

World's Largest Candle.

The world's largest candle was manufactured for the Italian cathedral in accordance with an innocent prisoner's vow that when his innocence was proved he would show his gratitude in some extraordinary way. This candle was ten feet high, made entirely of beeswax, and cost £300. It measured eight inches in diameter and weighed 618 pounds, and it burned without once being extinguished for two and a half years.

Before Days of Furnaces.

Yule is an Anglo-Saxon word for Christmas, hence Yuletide, meaning Christmas time, and the yule log which used to be piled on the hearth for the making of a big, cheerful fire. The yule log was thought to bring good fortune and bits of its charred remains were saved to start the next year's Christmas fire with. But that was before the days of furnaces or baseburners.

Jerusalem Chamber.

Jerusalem chamber is the historic name of an apartment in Westminster abbey which once was adorned with tapestries or pictures of the history of Jerusalem. March 20, 1413, while praying in Westminister abbey, Henry IV was seized with a fainting fit and was carried to the Jerusalem chamber where he died.

A Silly Question.

When the bicycle was at the height of its popularity one of the comic papers had a squib in which a neighbor was represented as asking of a five-year-old, "Can your baby sister walk yet, Johnny?" "Walk?" responded Johnny, scornfully. "I should say not. She can't even ride a bicycle yet."

Penalty of Failure.

Failure to profit from our own mistakes, failure to appreciate that we have made mistakes, failure to heed the warnings of people more experienced than we, always carries with it a heavy penalty that must be paid.—Exchange.

United States Leads.

No nation, save the United States, is so economically self-sustaining or possesses such a wealth of diversified scenery and manifold resources as Russia has.

Possessed Required Talent.

Employer—"The position requires a great amount of mechanical experience." Applicant—"I have owned a second-hand automobile for two months." Employer—"Accepted!"—Life.

Valuable Traveling Hint.

If bottles of medicine, perfume or other preparations are to be carried when traveling, dip the tops in melted paraffin to avoid the danger of leakage.

For Automobilists.

Cuffs with elastic edges to make them tight have been invented to enable automobilists to work about their cars without soiling their coat or shirt sleeves.

Removes Hatpin Danger.

Clipping the point from a safety pin, sliding the coil over a hatpin and closing the clasp over the point of the latter will protect it from injuring a person

Paper From Linen Rags.

When paper was first made from linen, rags is uncertain, but a writer of A. B. 1200 recorded that the linen wrappings round mummies were sold to the scribes to make paper for shopkeepers.

HOME CARD TELLS HOW THE HOUSEWIFE CAN HELP THE SOLDIERS WIN THE WAR

Food Director Heinz Makes Public Latest Program For Conserving Wheat, Meat, Fats and Sugar—He Asks You to Send For Receipt Book.

Now, it's up to the housewife!

President Wilson and Herbert Hoover have told us that FOOD WILL WIN THE WAR, and they have told us how to use the present supply of food to make a war victory possible.

Howard Heinz, Director of the Food Supply Department, Pennsylvania Committee of Public Safety, and Federal Food Administrator for Pennsylvania, recently issued the text of the second Home Card. The card has on it a full explanation of what the United States Food Administration wants you to do to conserve food.

Read every word of it, then read it again.

Clip it from this newspaper and hang it in the kitchen until the regular pasteboard card is mailed to those patriotic women who signed the pledge card last November. The Food Administration in Philadelphia will mail a recipe book to each housewife who signed the pledge card. If you didn't sign, send your name to Food Administration, Bulletin Building, Philadelphia.

The contents of the card, as announced by Mr. Heinz, are as follows:

HANG THIS IN YOUR KITCHEN

UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION

HOME CARD 1918

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP WIN THIS WAR

Our Problem is to feed the Allies and our own soldiers abroad by sending them as much food as we can of the most concentrated nutritive value in the least shipping space. These foods are wheat, beef, pork, butter and sugar.

Our Solution is to eat less of these and as little of all foods as will support health and strength. All saving counts for victory.

The Food Administration asks every loyal American to help win the war by maintaining rigidly, as a minimum of saving, the following program:

Have TWO WHEATLESS DAYS (Monday and Wednesday) every week, and ONE WHEATLESS MEAL in every day.

Explanation—On "Wheatless" days and in "Wheatless" meals of other days use no crackers, pastry, macaroni, breakfast food or other cereal food containing wheat, and use no wheat flour in any form except the small amount that may be needed for thickening soups or gravies, or for a binder in corn bread and other cereal breads. As to bread, if you bake it at home, use other cereals than wheat, and if you buy it buy only war bread. Our object is, that we should buy and consume one-third less wheat products than we did last year.

Have ONE MEATLESS DAY (Tuesday) in every week and ONE MEATLESS MEAL in every day. Have TWO PORKLESS DAYS (Tuesday and Saturday) in every week.

Explanation—"Meatless" means without any cattle, hog or sheep products. On other days use mutton and lamb in preference to beef or pork. "Porkless" means without pork, bacon, ham, lard or pork products, fresh or prepared. Use fish, poultry and eggs. As a nation we eat and waste nearly twice as much meat as we need.

Make every day a FAT-SAVING DAY (Butter, lard, lard-substitutes, etc.)

Explanation—Fry less; bake, broil, boil or stew foods instead. Save meat drippings, use these and vegetable oils for cooking instead of butter. Butter has food values vital to children; therefore, give it to them. Use it only on the table. Waste no soap; it is made from fat. Be careful of all fats. We use and waste two and a half times as much fat as we need.

Make every day a SUGAR-SAVING DAY.

Explanation—Use less sugar. Less sweet drinks and candy containing sugar should be used in war time. As a nation we have used twice as much sugar as we need.

Use FRUITS, VEGETABLES and POTATOES abundantly.

Explanation—These foods are healthful and plentiful, and, at the same time, partly take the place of other foods which we must save. Raise all you can for home use.

Use MILK wisely.

Explanation—Use all of the milk; waste no part of it. The children must have whole milk. Use sour and skim milk in cooking and for cottage cheese.

HOARDING FOOD. Any one buying and holding a larger supply of food now than in peace time, except foods canned, dried or preserved in the home, is helping to defeat the Food Administration in its attempt to secure a just distribution of food and the establishment of fair prices. The food hoarder is working against the common good and even against the very safety of the country. Hoarding food in households is both selfish and unnecessary: the Government is protecting the food supply of its people.

Loyalty in little things is the foundation of the national strength. DISLOYALTY IN LITTLE THINGS GIVES AID TO THE ENEMY. KEEP THE PLEDGE

Do not limit the food of growing children.

Eat sufficient food to maintain health, the nation needs strong people

Co-operate with your local and federal food administrators. Take their advice

Preach and practice the "gospel of the clean plate."

Housekeepers should help the stores to cut down deliveries.

Use local supplies: this saves railroad transportation.

Report to the nearest food administration officer the name and address of any person discouraging the production or saving of food

WHY WE MUST SAVE FOOD

To the Members of the United States Food Administration:

The men of the Allied Nations are fighting; they are not on the farms. Even the men of the European neutral countries are under arms. The fields of both Allies and neutrals lack man-power, fertilizer and machinery. Hence the production of food by these countries has steadily lessened ever since the beginning of the war, while at the same time, the shortage of shipping has grown more and more serious, with the consequent, steady increase of difficulties in bringing food from the faraway markets of India, Australia and the Argentine.

The situation has become critical. There is simply not enough food in Europe, yet the soldiers of the Allies must be maintained in full strength; their wives and children at home must not face famine, the friendly neutrals must not be starved, and finally, our own army in France must never lack a needed ounce of food.

There is just one way in which all these requirements can be met. North America must furnish the food, and we must furnish it from our savings here as we have already cut our normal supply.

We do not need to starve our own people. We must plenty for ourselves, and it is the first duty of the Food Administration to return to our people, by its control of exports a sufficient supply of every essential foodstuff. We will, however, all of us have to eat less than is necessary for good health and full strength, or America needs the full production power of all its people. Much of the needed saving can be effected by substituting one kind of food for another. But the time has come to put aside all selfishness and carelessness. The time has come for sacrifice.

The Allies ask us to meet only their absolutely immediate needs. They are restricting the consumption of their own people to the minimum necessary for health and strength. They are controlling their food by drastic governmental regulation. There is even actual privation among their women and children; there is starvation in Belgium.

The Allies need wheat and meat and fats and sugar. They must have more of all of these than we have been saving, more than we shall be able to send unless we restrict our own consumption. We can do it without harm, for as a nation, we are today eating and wasting much more food than we need.

The whole great problem of winning the war rests primarily on one thing: the loyalty and sacrifice of the American people in the matter of food. It is not a government responsibility, it is the responsibility of each individual. Each pound of food saved by each American citizen is a pound given to the support of our army, the Allies and the friendly neutrals. Each pound wasted or eaten unnecessarily is a pound withheld from them. It is a direct personal obligation on the part of each of us to some one in Europe whom we are bound to help.

If we are selfish or even careless, we are disloyal, we are the enemy at home. Now is the hour of our testing. Let us make it the hour of our victory: victory over ourselves; victory over the Enemy of Freedom.

HOWARD HEINZ,
Federal Food Administator for Pennsylvania.

HERBERT C. HOOVER,
United States Food Administrator.

Save

1-wheat
use more corn

2-meat
use more fish & beans

3-fats
use just enough

4-sugar
use syrups

and serve the cause of freedom

U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION

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YEAR-TO-PAY

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Plant Life Changes.

The life of plant varieties grown from seed, in their pure and original forms, is very short, notes a botanist. They soon pass in slightly different forms and the process is constantly taking place. So that in a few years a named variety is quite unlike the original, even though a direct descendant. Everything grown from one original seed is soon broken up into many divergent forms, and in some cases this takes in the first generation.